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Dear Sir:

You are probably aware of the recent disclosures about former United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's past association with the Nazi Party and possible knowledge or involvement with Nazi War Crimes.

In 1980, I wrote a letter to Mr. Stansfield Turner, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, inquiring about allegations of a possible Nazi past of the Secretary General. Frederick Hitz, Legislative Counsel for the CIA responded to me in a December, 1980 letter that "We believe that Waldheim was not a member of the Nazi Youth Movement, nor was he involved in anti-Jewish activities."

In light of the obvious conflicts of these reports and the inconclusive nature of your 1980 response to me, I respectfully request that you reopen the investigation into Mr. Waldheim's past. I would also appreciate the chance to review any files you may have accumulated about him, including any results of your earlier investigation.

Because of rumors that Mr. Waldheim may have served as a member of the German Abwehr, you may want to look into these files, which I believe the CIA gained custody of at the conclusion of the war. I would also ask that in your investigation you devote particular attention to such confidential documents as the United Nations File on War Crimes. To my knowledge, no nation has yet requested the opening of this file and it would seem appropriate for the United States, as a member of the War Crimes Commission, to make this request. It also would be helpful to the investigation if you were able to gain access to similar files from other countries, where they exist, such as Yugoslavia.

With the discovery of this new material from sources that have been open to the public for nearly forty years, I believe it is imperative that the CIA provide us with any supplementary information through the examination of comparable confidential files.

I look forward to your expeditious reply.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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